

RULE

Department of Health and Hospitals Board of Medical Examiners

Physician Assistants—Practice (LAC 46:XLV.4507)

In accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and pursuant to the authority vested in the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (board) by the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, R.S. 37:1261-1292, and the Physician Assistants Practice Act, R.S. 37:1360.21-1360.38, the board has amended LAC 46:XLV, Subpart 2, Chapter 45, Section 4507 of its physician assistant rules. The amendments are set forth below.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 45. Physician Assistants

§4507. Authority and Limitations of Supervising Physician

A. The supervising physician (SP) is responsible for the responsible supervision, control, and direction of the physician assistant (PA) and retains responsibility to the patient for the competence and performance of the PA.

B. An SP may delegate medical services identified as core competencies by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants ("core competencies"), under general *supervision* as defined in Section 1503.A of this Part.

C. An SP may delegate certain medical services beyond core competencies to a PA provided:

1. the SP is trained and qualified in and performs the service in the course and scope of his or her practice. If the service is provided in a hospital the SP and the PA shall be credentialed to provide the service. PA credentialing shall be in the manner specified in Subparagraph C.5.a of this Section;

2. the SP delegates the service to a PA who has obtained additional training and has documented the ability to perform the service safely and effectively; and

3. the SP provides a level of supervision appropriate to the risk to the patient and the potential for complications requiring the physician's personal attention;

4. credentials file. A primary SP ("PSP") shall maintain a credentials file for each PA for whom he or she serves as a PSP and at least annually assess and document therein the PA's performance as evidenced by the PSP's dated signature. The credentials file shall include a list of services beyond core competencies that the PA may perform and with respect to each shall also document:

a. the PA's training in the service;

b. the PA's ability to provide or perform the service safely and effectively; and

c. the protocols to be followed for the service;

5. a PSP who is employed or under contract with a hospital is not required to maintain a credentials file for a PA, who is also employed or under contract with the same hospital provided:

a. that the PA is individually credentialed by the medical staff organization of the hospital, based on established criteria similar to those utilized for physicians, which takes into consideration the PA's training and qualifications to provide or perform a service beyond core competencies safely and effectively; and

b. the PSP annually reviews, dates and signs the PA's credentials file.

D. An SP:

1. may not serve as a PSP for more than two PAs;

2. shall not act as a SP for more than four PAs simultaneously at the same time.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1270(B)(6), R.S. 37:1360.23(D) and (F), R.S. 37:1360.31(B)(8).

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Medical Examiners, LR 4:112 (April 1978), amended LR 17:1106 (November 1991), LR 22:205 (March 1996), LR 25:32 (January 1999), LR 34:246 (February 2008), LR 38:1233 (April 2012).

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